

Amendment to the claims:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice.

1. (Previously Amended) A method of transforming a cell comprising, in order, the steps of:
 applying a transformation effective amount of a nucleic acid to the cell;
 adhering a pliable, adhesive fibrin gel to the cell so as to entrap a transformation effective amount of the nucleic acid in the fibrin gel adhered to the cell; and
 transforming the cell with the nucleic acid.

Claim 2-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid is a plasmid.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid is incorporated in a virus.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pliable, adhesive fibrin gel is formed by mixing a fibrin monomer composition with a polymerizing agent preparation effective to convert the fibrin monomer preparation into a fibrin gel, and adhered by contacting the cell with the mixture while the mixture is pliable and adhesive.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the fibrin monomer composition comprises acid-solubilized fibrin, and the polymerizing agent comprises an amount of base effective to sufficiently neutralize the mixture to allow the fibrin to polymerize.

17. (Cancelled)